

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on April 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 26, 4/20/2015

Executive Action: HJ 26 - TABLED

00:00:56 Chair Thomas

HEARING ON HJ 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, (co-sponsor) opened the hearing on HJ 26, Interim study of youth concussion protection laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:20 Margaret Morgan, Montana Athletic Trainers Association
00:02:54 Charney Gonnerman, Brain Injury Alliance of Montana (BIAMT)
00:04:10 Mona Jamison, Montana Physical Therapy Association (MPTA)

00:05:25 Rep. Pierson, Sponsor, HD 78, entered the hearing.

00:05:48 Chair Thomas
00:06:06 Rep. Pierson
00:06:31 Chair Thomas
00:06:42 Rep. Pierson

EXHIBIT(phs82a01)

00:09:10 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
00:10:14 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana
00:11:08 Bill Warden, Benefis Health System, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, St. Peters Hospital of Helena
00:11:28 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

EXHIBIT(phs82a02)

00:12:23 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC)
00:13:17 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:08 Sen. Windy Boy
00:14:23 Sen. Vuckovich
00:14:31 Rep. Pierson
00:14:37 Sen. Windy Boy
00:14:43 Sen. Sands
00:16:10 Mr. Miller, SAM
00:16:40 Sen. Sands
00:17:07 Sen. Caferro
00:17:17 Chair Thomas
00:17:27 Sen. Caferro
00:17:34 Ms. Gonnerman, BIAMT

00:18:05 Sen. Caferro
 00:18:10 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:18:34 Ms. Grmoljez, BC
 00:19:09 Ms. Keane, MMA
 00:19:34 Chair Thomas
 00:19:37 Ms. Gonnerman
 00:20:23 Sen. Sands
 00:20:52 Chair Thomas
 00:20:57 Rep. Pierson
 00:22:01 Chair Thomas
 00:22:09 Ms. Jamison, MPTA
 00:24:09 Sen. Caferro
 00:24:43 Rep. Pierson
 00:24:57 Chair Thomas
 00:28:12 Mr. Miller
 00:29:00 Chair Thomas
 00:29:06 Sen. Vuckovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:55 Rep. Pierson
 00:31:57 Tabatha Minor (spoke as a proponent to the bill)
 00:32:30 Chair Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 26

00:32:59 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **HJ 26 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:33:10 Sen. Smith
 00:33:52 Sen. Swandal
 00:34:12 Sen. Caferro
 00:34:35 Sen. Sands
 00:35:24 Sen. Caferro

00:35:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Windy Boy voting aye.

00:36:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Howard moved that **HJ 26 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 4-3 by voice vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Windy Boy voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:52 p.m.

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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